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March 15, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Mooringsport Formation, Reservoir A, BLUE LICK
CREEK FIELD, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

STROUD PRODUCTION, L.L.C., ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Mooringsport Formation, Reservoir A, in the Blue Lick Creek Field, Grant Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Mooringsport Formation, Reservoir A.
2. To create one (1) drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Mooringsport Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being designated MPT RA SUA and being shown on the attached plat.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate an Operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
5. To adopt special field spacing rules for future horizontal wells drilled to the Mooringsport Formation, Reservoir A, in the Blue Lick Creek Field, which would provide: (a) that the penetration point and terminus in the Mooringsport Formation, Reservoir A, of any lateral of any such horizontal well should be located no closer than 330 feet to any unit boundary; (b) that the distance from any point along the productive portion of any lateral and those unit boundaries which run generally parallel to the direction in which the lateral is drilled should not be less than 660 feet; and (c) that there should be no well spacing limitations between wells other than that accomplished by application of the aforesaid provisions.
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the Mooringsport Formation, Reservoir A, by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.
7. To define the Mooringsport Formation, Reservoir A, as that oil and gas bearing interval encountered between the depths of 8892 feet and 9607 feet, electric log measurements, in the IDC Energy Corp. (formerly XB Energy & Gulf States Exploration)--Manville Forest Products Corp. No. 1 Well (SN 174853), located in Section 8, Township 8 North, Range 3 West, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

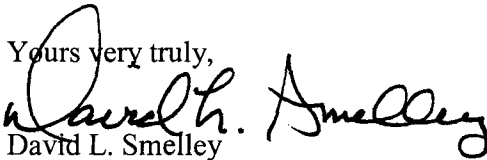
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Stroud Production, L.L.C., 333 Texas Street, Suite 860, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-5302. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Robert Stroud at (318) 429-2260 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated March 4, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set March 24, 2005, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of said letter; therefore, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Blue Lick Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley
-- Attorney for Stroud Production, L.L.C.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Robert Stroud (w/encls.)
Ms. Deborah Walker (w/encls.)
Mr. Kurt Ley (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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MARGARET
WARD LAW
ET AL

JAMES
AVANT
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BHL

750'

1675'

HOGAN EXPLORATION
MANVILLE K
1

3,916

3,607

HOGAN EXPLORATION
MANVILLE K
4

HOGAN EXPLORATION
MANVILLE K
2

3,880

HOGAN EXPLORATION
MANVILLE G
6

3,982

SONNY KING
B 3 RA SUA; MANVILLE G
4

3,880

HOGAN EXPLORATION
MANVILLE G
5

3,883

HOGAN EXPLORATION
MANVILLE G
10

HOGAN EXPLORATION
MANVILLE G
2

2,980

3,885

IDC ENERGY CORPORATION
MANVILLE FOREST PRODUCTS CORP
1

HOGAN EXPLORATION
MANVILLE G
7

12,000

MPT RA SUA
± 640 ACRE

INITIAL
PENETRATION
POINT IN THE
MOORINGSPOINT
9850'

DIASU OIL & GAS CO., INC.
MANVILLE FOREST PRODUCTS CORP A
1 (A-1 #2)

9,588

STROUD PRODUCTION LLC
DEVON - DONNER 8-6
1

8

2525'

940'

2740'

2880'

DEVON - DONNER

LEGEND

MIN RTS OWNED BY DEVON - DONNER

PROPOSED MOORINGSPOINT UNIT
BLUE LICK FIELD

UNIT WELL

STROUD
PRODUCTION LLC

BLUE LICK CREEK FIELD

GRANT PARISH, LA

PROPOSED MPT RA SUA UNIT PLAT

MOORINGSPOINT FORMATION

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FEET